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**Response of RJ Lee Group
to
EPA Region 9 (Meer) Letter
dated March 9, 2006**

**Regarding
Evaluation of EPA's Analytical Data
from the
El Dorado Hills Asbestos Evaluation Project**

Exhibit C 11.1
*Letter from EPA (Mr. Smith, 2004) re audit
of RJLG Monroville Laboratory*

Date: July 2006

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OFFICE OF
SOLID WASTE AND EMERGENCY
RESPONSE

Mr. Drew Van Orden
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350 Hochberg Road
Monroeville, PA 15146

APR 21 2004

Dear Mr. Van Orden:

Enclosed for your records and review is a copy of the *Summary Asbestos On-Site Audit RJ Lee Group, Inc.* The report provides the audit finding information on your laboratory obtained during the March 16-17, 2004 audit performed by Shaw Environmental, Inc. (the EPA Quality Assurance Technical Support (QATS) contractor), and myself. The report addresses your laboratory's capabilities of analyzing asbestos samples according to established protocols. The audit report includes both technical and evidentiary results, and includes laboratory information, audit observations, recommendations for corrective actions, conclusions, and a copy of the completed asbestos on-site laboratory audit checklist.

The EPA Analytical Services Branch, a branch within the Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation (OSRTI) has been providing asbestos laboratory audit services for the EPA Regional offices over the past two years. Our objective is to provide a technical evaluation of the capabilities of asbestos testing laboratories a Regional office either is using, may be using in the future, or is being used by a Primary Responsible Party (PRP) that is supplying EPA results on particular Superfund sites. Results of the audit will be used by the EPA Region for guidance purposes only. The results will not be used as a "certification" standard. Any particular laboratory that receives an audit report that tends to be negative may still be used by the Regions at their own choice. Likewise, a Region may not necessarily send samples to laboratories that receive positive reports. Any samples submitted to a laboratory by EPA will be negotiated using Regional contract mechanisms.

Observations from this audit indicate the lab well staffed, technically sound, efficient, and fully capable of performing asbestos related analyses potentially requested by EPA. With the exception of three minor observations noted in the audit report, no areas of concern were found in the audit.

Because there are no formal contract mechanisms that have been established between ASB and the RJ Lee Group, there are no obligations to respond to the findings of this audit. However, providing a response will allow ASB to provide our EPA Regions complete information as to potential laboratory services available to them. If you choose to respond to the audit, please provide your response to my attention within 60 days from receipt of the audit report. Please submit the response by express courier to the following address:

US Environmental Protection Agency
OSRTI/ASB,
Attn. Terry Smith
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12th Floor, mail code 5204G
Arlington, VA 22202

We appreciate your hospitality during our visit, and I hope we have many opportunities to work together in the future. Also, as a note, I am drafting a letter summarizing the findings from the three audits we have performed at RJ Lee asbestos labs (two in California, and the one in Monroeville). The letter will address the issues found during the first California audit, the progress that has been made in the California lab, as determined from results of the second audit, and the very positive results of the audit at the corporate laboratory in Monroeville. I hope to have this letter completed by the end of April. If you have any questions concerning the audit or upcoming projects please do not hesitate to call me at (703) 603-8849.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Terry Smith', is written over the typed name.

Terry Smith
Program Manager
US Environmental Protection Agency
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